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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Richard L. WEISFIELD)

Application No.: 09/397,040)

Filed: September 16, 1999)

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)
REDUCING LAG AND BLOOMING)
IN AMORPHOUS SILICON)
SENSOR ARRAYS)

Group Art Unit: 2612

Examiner: Matthew L. Rosendale

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In a restriction requirement dated July 15, 2003, the period for response to which extends one (1) month thereafter, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-15 and 18) and Group II (claims 16 and 17). Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-15 and 18, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an image sensor, with traverse. Applicant submits that the Examiner has not shown that there would be a serious burden to examine all claims pending in this application. Applicant notes that the alleged Group I-II claims have all been designated by the Examiner as being classified in the same search class, such that the Examiner will search substantially the same art for both Groups.

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Should Applicant elect Group I, the Examiner further required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between species I, characterized by the Examiner as directed to a photo-sensor comprising a clamping diode as shown in Figures 2 and 3, and species II, characterized by the Examiner as directed to a photo-sensor comprising a clamping TFT as shown in Figure 4. Applicant provisionally elects species I directed to a photo-sensor comprising a clamping diode as shown in Figures 2 and 3 with traverse. Species I includes claims 1-8. Applicant believes that the alleged species I-II claims include sufficiently few species that a search and examination of all the species at one time would not impose a serious burden the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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